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Schools Reopen, Employment Rises

Georgia's nonagricultural wage and salary employment reached 2,800,700 in September, an increase of 7,800 from August and 15,400 more than in September 1987. Most of the monthly gain came because of the seasonal re-opening of the state's public elementary and secondary schools. The annual increase occurred overwhelmingly among Georgia's service industries.

Manufacturing recorded a very modest increase of 700 from last month, almost all of it in the nondurable goods industries. Most of the durable goods industries declined from August with the largest decrement occurring in transportation equipment. Cutbacks at one major automobile manufacturer and a large aircraft assembly plant were slightly offset by

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New Developments

Several new retail malls have opened in the Atlanta area recently, adding to retail trade employment significantly. **Marietta Trade Center** has opened with approximately 850 workers. **Concord Village Shopping Center** in South Cobb County employs about 400 workers. **Merchants Village Shopping Center** has opened in Norcross, employing 600 people, and **Stone Mountain Festival Shopping Center's** stores employ 700 people.

Wal-Mart will open a new store in Cornelia in the fall of 1989. The store will occupy some 66,000 square feet of space in a shopping center located on Highway 441 and Highway 105. The discount department store chain targets family shoppers as its primary customers and features "Made in America" products. The Cornelia store will provide 120 jobs for area residents.

Flint River Textiles, Inc., of Albany, announced a major expansion pro-

gram. In addition to modernizing its existing 160,000-square-foot facility, the company will build a new 40,000-square-foot weaving department, where it will install modern "shuttleless" equipment. The modernization and expansion, which is expected to be completed in January will create an additional 50 jobs. The plant manufactures woven fabrics for apparel, home furnishings, and industrial users.

Intercat, Inc., a Morristown, New Jersey-based company, has announced plans to build a manufacturing plant in Savannah. The facility will be located on an 8.6 acre site in the Savannah Port Authority Industrial Park. The company will ultimately employ about 30 people. Construction will begin in late 1988.

Fame Plastics of Cumming announced a layoff of 77 people effective September 26. The company manufactures plastic computer housings.

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U. S. Department of Labor Releases New List of Labor Surplus Areas

The U.S. Department of Labor recently released a new list of Georgia counties and cities that have unemployment rates high enough to qualify for preference in bidding on federal contracts. The list is in effect from October 1, 1988 until September 30, 1989.

Cities

Albany Augusta LaGrange

Counties

Appling	Butts	Dooly	Hancock	Macon	Polk	Stewart	Telfair	Wayne
Baker	Calhoun	Dougherty	Jefferson	McIntosh	Putnam	Sumter	Terrell	Webster
Bartow	Chattahoochee	Early	Jenkins	Meriwether	Quitman	Talbot	Toombs	Worth
Brantley	Crisp	Elbert	Lincoln	Mitchell	Screven	Taliaferro	Turner	
Burke	Dodge	Emanuel	Long	Pierce	Stephens	Taylor	Ware	

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gains at two other automobile plants and one truck manufacturer.

From September of last year, manufacturing dropped 9,200, almost all in transportation equipment. The men's and boys' clothing segment of apparel and kindred products lost 2,000, largely because of production cutbacks and closings of apparel manufacturing facilities.

Exceptions to the general decline of manufacturing industries were electric and electronic equipment, food and kindred products, printing and publishing, and textiles. Gains in the floor covering sector more than offset declines in weaving, knitting, and yarn and thread mills. A spokesman for the Carpet and Rug Institute suggested that recent employment growth in that industry stemmed from an attempt to push production to levels equal to demand. Water shortages earlier in the year forced a slowdown that resulted in an accumulation of back orders. He estimates that total yardage in 1988 will be about equal to that produced in 1987. The current employment level is the highest ever for Georgia's carpet industry.

Construction employment declined significantly from both reference periods. All segments of the building trade had less activity, reflecting a general slowing of construction around the state. Major projects, such as Georgia Power's Plant Vogle, are nearing completion, and there is a sizeable inventory of unsold housing. Many observers think the Atlanta area in particular is seriously overbuilt in terms of office and commercial properties, so we may now be facing a period of adjustment in this industry.

Transportation, communication, and utilities rose from both reference periods, with most of the gain confined to the transportation sector. Much of the over-the-month gain was caused by the seasonal movement of motor freight. Despite cutbacks at one major

airline, another reports that they are currently hiring additional personnel.

Trade continues to grow. Almost every portion of both wholesale and retail trade has higher employment levels than last year.

The finance, insurance, and real estate division recorded little overall change from either reference period. The finance sector declined 400 from last month and 1,000 from last year. Several large banks reported that they had terminated temporary workers hired to fill in during the summer vacation period, resulting in a drop in their September employment. The annual decrement came about because of mergers and general retrenchments in the industry.

Employment in the services sector continues its impressive growth, although it was modest from August to September. One reason is that the state's tourist industry, much of which falls into the services group, does its

heaviest business during the summer months, and except for the mountain areas, finds the fall season somewhat slow. The substantial annual growth was scattered throughout the division.

Government employment rose by 6,300 from August and 9,600 from September 1987. The monthly gain was entirely in local education and resulted from the reopening of the state's public elementary and secondary schools. All remaining units of government declined, with the most noteworthy drop occurring in state education. Most of the released workers were temporary staff members hired for the summer. Because colleges and universities begin fall classes later in the month than high schools and elementary schools, their seasonal employment increase traditionally is reflected in the October employment estimates.

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Hanes Hosiery in LaGrange recently stepped up production to 1.25 million pairs of pantyhose per week. A company spokesman said that the company has just installed 11 state-of-the-art seaming machines and expects to add four more shortly. Employment, which numbered 100 when the plant opened in 1980, may reach 1,000 by the end of this year.

Absorbent Products Division of Pope and Talbot, Inc. has opened a 105,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Newnan. The Eau Claire, Wisconsin-based company will eventually employ 75-80 people to manufacture 1.5 million cases of disposable baby diapers and adult incontinence products each year.

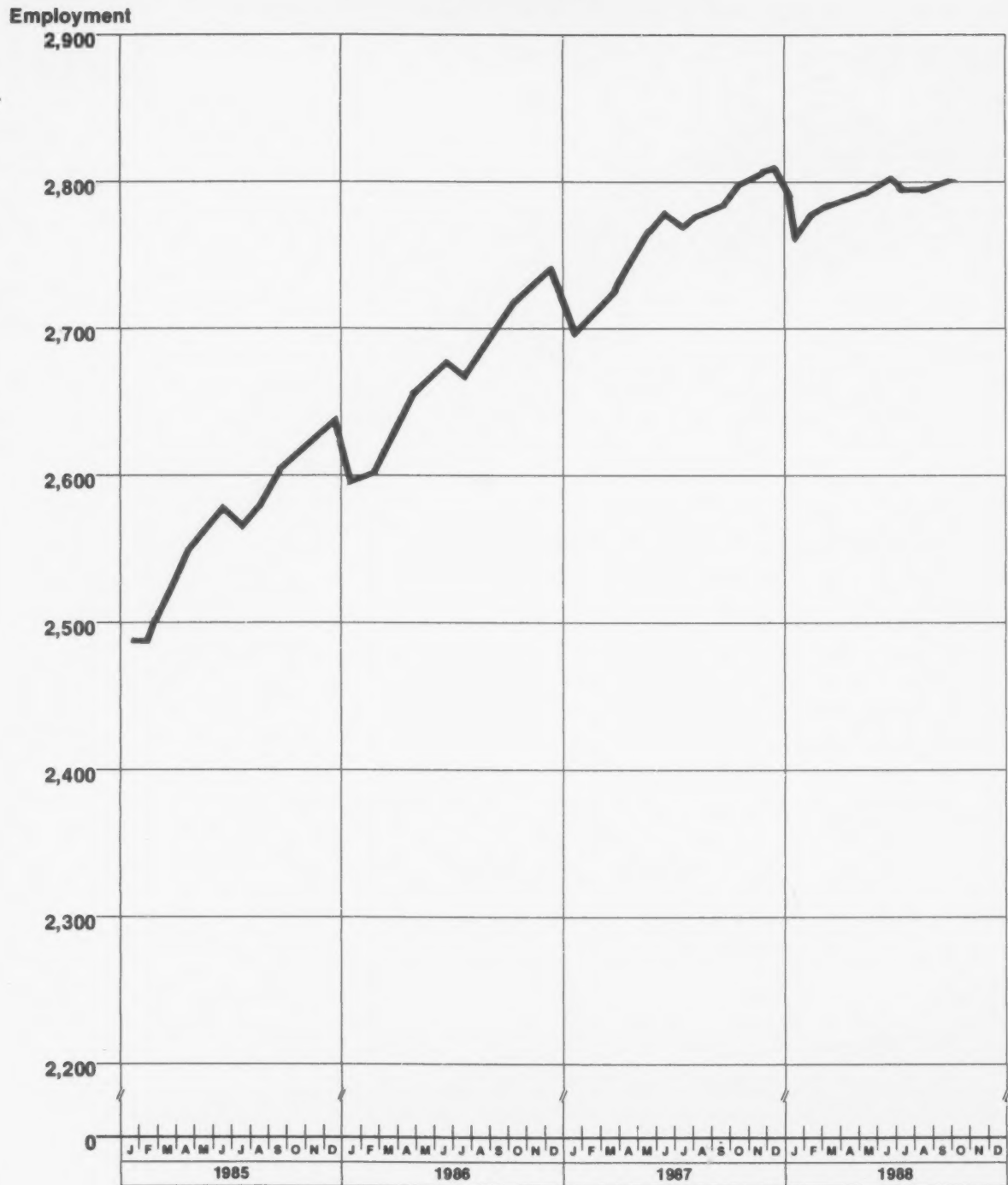
The Westin Lenox Hotel opened in Atlanta recently following a last-minute name change. Originally called the Hotel Inter-Continental/

Atlanta, the 375-room luxury hotel was renamed after the owners entered into a management agreement with Westin Hotels and Resorts.

Management Science of America has announced a major corporate restructuring, which resulted in the layoff of 230 people, including about 70 research and development staff in Atlanta. A spokesman said that the Atlanta-based company plans to consolidate development of its software systems in its Eagan, Minnesota center.

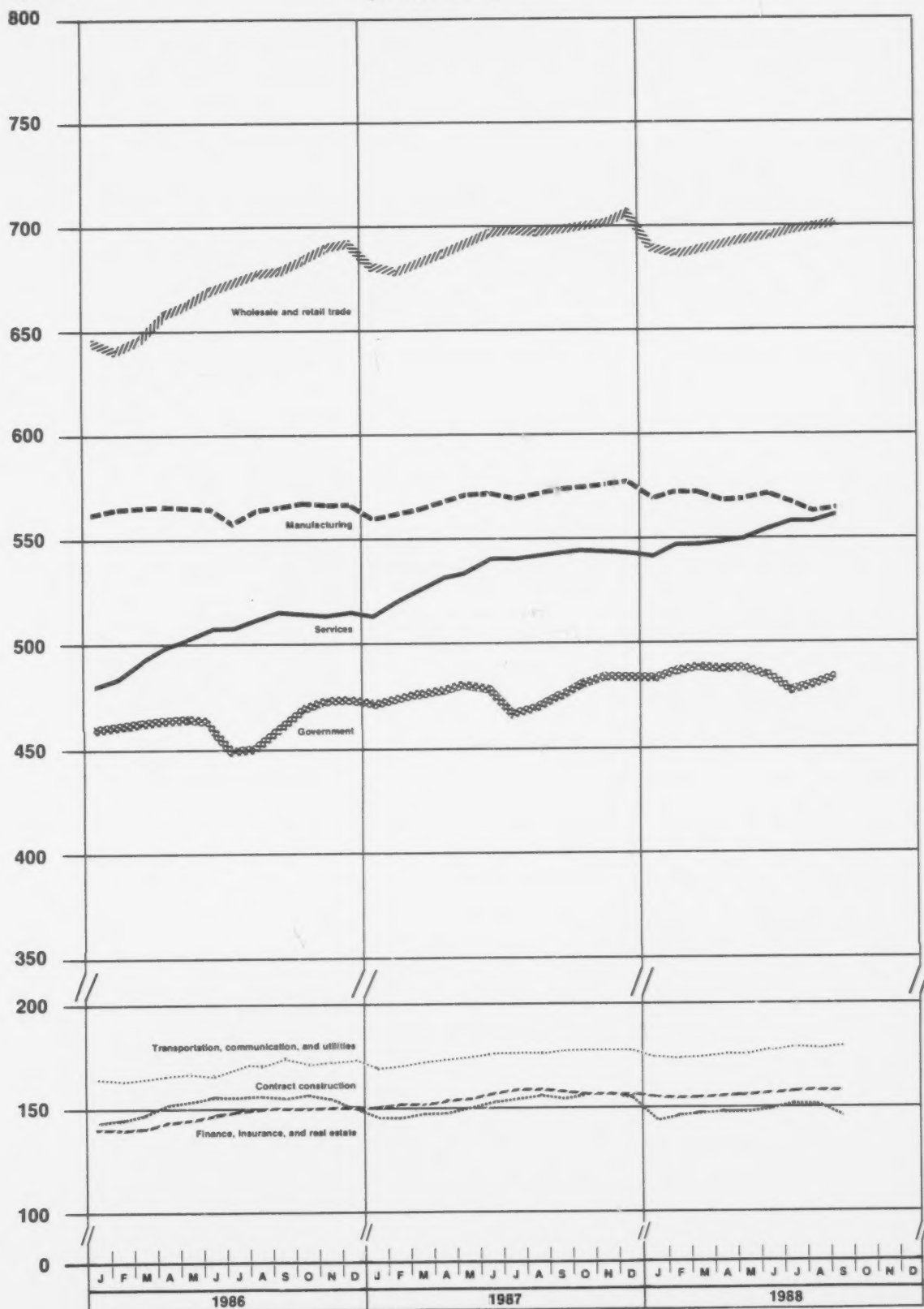
The Atlanta Journal and Constitution announced the layoff of approximately 50 employees recently. The belt-tightening measure came because of lower-than-expected advertising revenue and overstaffing, according to a company spokesman.

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)



Employment

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (In thousands)



GEORGIA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	2,800.7	2,792.9	2,785.3	7.8	15.4
Manufacturing	300005	563.4	562.7	572.6	.7	-9.2
Durable goods	300025	213.0	213.7	222.2	-7	-9.2
Lumber and wood products	324005	33.4	33.8	34.0	-4	-6
Logging camps, sawmills, and planing mills	324195	13.5	13.7	14.1	-2	-6
Furniture and fixtures	325005	11.8	11.6	12.0	2	-2
Household furniture	325105	6.4	6.4	6.6	0	-2
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	20.0	20.1	20.5	-1	-5
Primary metal industries	333005	16.2	16.4	16.2	-2	0
Fabricated metal products	334005	20.7	20.5	21.1	2	-4
Machinery, except electrical	335005	27.7	27.1	26.7	6	1.0
Electric and electronic equipment	336005	29.8	29.8	29.8	0	0
Transportation equipment	337005	41.2	42.3	49.6	-1.1	-8.4
Other durable goods	399915	12.2	12.1	12.3	.1	-1
Nondurable goods	400015	350.3	349.0	350.4	1.3	-1
Food and kindred products	420005	62.7	62.2	61.8	.5	.9
Meat products	420105	27.8	27.7	26.5	.1	1.3
Poultry dressing and poultry processing	420185	21.0	20.9	19.5	.1	1.5
Dairy products	420205	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Bakery products	420505	9.6	9.3	9.5	.3	.1
Textile mill products	422005	108.9	108.3	108.4	.6	.5
Weaving mills, cotton	422105	17.8	17.8	18.1	0	-3
Weaving mills, synthetic	422205	8.7	8.9	8.9	-2	-2
Knitting mills	422505	8.5	8.4	8.7	.1	-2
Floor covering mills	422705	36.9	36.4	36.0	.5	.9
Yarn and thread mills	422805	20.8	20.6	21.1	2	-3
Apparel and other textile products	423005	66.0	65.8	68.1	2	-2.1
Men's and boys' clothing	423175	35.7	35.4	37.7	.3	-2.0
Women's and children's clothing	423335	19.7	19.8	19.7	-1	0
Paper and allied products	426005	31.1	31.0	31.0	.1	.1
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	426135	13.6	13.6	13.1	0	.5
Paperboard containers and boxes	426505	7.6	7.5	7.7	.1	-1
Printing and publishing	427005	38.4	38.0	37.4	.4	1.0
Commercial printing	427505	15.0	14.9	14.7	.1	.3
Chemicals and allied products	428005	19.4	19.5	19.3	-1	.1
Agricultural chemicals	428705	1.7	1.8	1.8	-1	-1
Leather and leather products	431005	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	.1
Other nondurable goods	499915	22.2	22.4	22.7	-2	-5
Nonmanufacturing	000060	2,237.3	2,230.2	2,212.7	-7.1	24.6
Mining	100005	8.5	8.6	8.4	-1	.1
Contract construction	200005	146.9	151.6	154.5	-4.7	-7.6
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	179.2	178.6	177.5	.6	1.7
Transportation	500015	108.1	107.2	107.0	.9	1.1
Communication (except U.S. Postal Service)	548005	44.5	44.6	44.4	-1	.1
Electric, gas, and sanitary services	549005	26.6	26.8	26.1	-2	.5
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	701.6	698.9	696.7	2.7	4.9
Wholesale trade	650005	201.8	201.2	200.7	.6	1.1
Wholesale trade—durable	650015	131.1	131.0	129.9	.1	1.2
Wholesale trade—nondurable	651005	70.7	70.3	70.8	.4	-1
Retail trade	652005	499.8	497.7	496.0	2.1	3.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	157.5	157.8	157.2	-3	.3
Finance	760025	69.2	69.6	70.2	-4	-1.0
Insurance carriers, agents, and brokers	763045	51.3	51.1	50.9	2	.4
Real estate	765075	37.0	37.0	36.1	0	.9
Services	800005	560.2	557.7	544.7	2.5	15.5
Hotels and other lodging places	870005	40.4	40.9	39.7	-5	.7
Business services	873005	134.8	134.6	131.9	2	2.9
Health services	880005	135.2	135.1	130.7	.1	4.5
Private hospitals	880605	51.3	51.3	48.5	0	2.8
Government	998008	483.3	477.0	473.7	6.3	9.6
Federal	998011	98.3	98.4	99.6	-1	-1.3
Defense	998101	35.4	35.5	37.8	-1	-2.4
Other federal (including U.S. Postal Service)	998401	62.8	62.9	61.8	-1	1.0
State	998512	108.8	110.7	106.8	-1.9	2.0
State education	882002	41.6	43.0	40.1	-1.4	1.5
Other state	992972	67.2	67.6	66.7	-4	.5
Local	998523	276.2	268.0	267.3	8.2	8.9
Local education	882003	143.5	133.3	140.4	10.2	3.1
Other local	993973	132.8	134.7	126.9	-1.9	5.9

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers throughout Georgia. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

GEORGIA HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
		CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987
Total manufacturing	300005	\$157.73	\$354.32	\$357.66	41.5	41.2	41.3	\$ 8.62	\$ 8.60	\$ 8.66
Durable goods	300025	396.06	394.42	409.91	42.0	41.3	41.7	9.43	9.55	9.83
Nondurable goods	400015	335.37	330.86	325.54	41.2	41.1	41.0	8.14	8.05	7.94
SELECTED INDUSTRIES										
Food and kindred products	420005	340.27	318.37	320.28	41.7	40.3	40.8	8.16	7.90	7.85
Textile mill products	422005	327.17	330.81	321.32	42.6	43.3	42.9	7.68	7.64	7.49
Weaving mills, cotton	422105	323.76	319.45	319.99	42.6	42.2	43.3	7.60	7.57	7.39
Weaving mills, synthetic	422205	331.93	349.44	335.34	42.5	44.8	46.0	7.81	7.80	7.29
Knitting mills	422505	269.06	278.14	258.55	40.4	41.7	41.5	6.66	6.67	6.23
Floor covering mills	422705	345.20	349.32	333.44	44.2	44.9	44.4	7.81	7.78	7.51
Yarn and thread mills	422805	308.66	307.65	304.52	41.1	41.8	39.6	7.51	7.36	7.69
Apparel and other textile products	423005	195.98	193.65	181.98	36.7	36.4	35.2	5.34	5.32	5.17
Men's and boys' clothing	423175	191.53	189.91	178.71	35.8	35.3	34.7	5.35	5.38	5.15
Women's and children's clothing	423335	184.26	182.51	171.29	37.0	37.4	35.1	4.98	4.88	4.88
Lumber and wood products	324005	287.12	285.91	319.58	40.1	40.1	40.3	7.16	7.13	7.93
Furniture and fixtures	325005	263.51	274.17	287.66	35.9	36.9	37.9	7.34	7.43	7.59
Paper and allied products	426005	554.19	541.12	564.21	45.5	44.5	46.9	12.18	12.16	12.03
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	426135	639.15	638.31	689.61	47.1	46.9	50.3	13.57	13.61	13.71
Chemicals and allied products	428005	469.15	455.99	471.98	43.2	42.3	43.5	10.86	10.78	10.85
Leather and leather products	431005	208.28	202.40	147.62	41.0	40.4	27.8	5.08	5.01	5.31
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	392.86	391.55	399.11	43.7	43.7	43.1	8.99	8.96	9.26
Fabricated metal products	334005	360.04	360.04	337.02	41.1	41.1	41.2	8.76	8.76	8.18
Electric and electronic equipment	336005	354.56	343.60	367.79	44.1	41.8	41.7	8.04	8.22	8.82
Transportation equipment	337005	580.29	578.24	583.36	43.5	41.6	42.8	13.34	13.90	13.63

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data exclude supervisory, sales, clerical, and other office personnel. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis, reflecting changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, as well as any premium pay for overtime and late shift work. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

ATLANTA MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	1,389.8	1,387.1	1,378.6	2.7	11.2
Manufacturing	300005	179.3	180.9	187.1	-1.6	-7.8
Durable goods	300025	88.1	89.1	96.0	-1.0	-7.9
Lumber and wood products	324005	4.6	4.7	5.2	-1	-6
Furniture and fixtures	325005	4.2	4.2	4.1	.0	.1
Household furniture	325105	1.8	1.8	1.8	.0	.0
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	8.8	9.0	9.3	-2	-5
Primary metal industries	333005	7.0	7.0	6.7	.0	.3
Fabricated metal products	334005	10.0	9.8	9.7	.2	.3
Machinery, except electrical	335005	11.1	10.8	10.6	.3	.5
Electric and electronic equipment	336005	14.4	14.6	14.7	-2	-3
Transportation equipment	337005	22.5	23.5	30.1	-1.0	-7.6
Other durable goods	399915	5.5	5.5	5.6	.0	-.1
Nondurable goods	400015	91.2	91.8	91.1	-.6	.1
Food and kindred products	420005	21.4	21.5	21.3	-.1	.1
Meat products	420105	7.1	7.2	7.2	-.1	-.1
Bakery products	420505	3.7	3.7	3.4	.0	.3
Textile mill products	422005	7.7	7.7	7.4	.0	.3
Weaving mills, cotton	422105	2.9	2.9	2.7	.0	.2
Yarn and thread mills	422805	1.0	1.0	1.0	.0	.0
Apparel and other textile products	423005	11.1	11.3	11.5	-.2	-.4
Men's and boys' clothing	423175	4.7	4.8	5.0	-.1	-.3
Women's and children's clothing	423335	2.8	2.9	3.0	-.1	-.2
Paper and allied products	426005	9.3	9.3	9.4	.0	-.1
Paperboard containers and boxes	426505	5.0	4.9	5.0	.1	.0
Printing and publishing	427005	22.9	22.9	22.7	.0	.2
Commercial printing	427505	9.2	9.1	9.0	.1	.2
Chemicals and allied products	428005	9.3	9.4	9.3	-.1	.0
Other nondurable goods	499915	9.4	9.6	9.4	-.2	.0
Nonmanufacturing	000060	1,210.4	1,206.3	1,191.5	4.1	18.9
Mining	100005	1.4	1.4	1.4	.0	.0
Contract construction	200005	70.6	72.9	74.3	-2.3	-3.7
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	121.1	120.5	117.1	.6	4.0
Transportation	500015	76.5	75.7	73.3	.8	3.2
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	382.9	381.6	379.8	1.3	3.1
Wholesale trade	650005	132.4	132.0	131.0	.4	1.4
Wholesale trade—durable	650015	94.1	93.7	92.6	.4	1.5
Wholesale trade—nondurable	651005	38.3	38.3	38.4	.0	-.1
Retail trade	652005	250.5	249.6	248.7	.9	1.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	100.0	100.4	99.6	-.4	.4
Finance	760025	40.9	41.2	40.8	-.3	.1
Insurance carriers, agents, and brokers	763045	35.0	34.9	34.9	.1	.1
Services	800005	334.9	332.7	325.7	2.2	9.2
Hotels and other lodging places	870005	24.3	24.1	23.7	.2	.6
Business services	873005	98.4	98.3	97.1	.1	1.3
Health services	880005	62.1	62.2	59.2	-.1	2.9
Private hospitals	880605	24.1	24.1	22.6	.0	1.5
Government	998008	199.6	196.8	193.6	2.8	6.0
Federal	998011	42.7	42.6	42.5	.1	.2
Defense	998101	6.0	5.9	6.3	.1	-.3
Other federal (including U.S. Postal Service)	998401	36.7	36.7	36.1	.0	.6
State	998512	38.9	40.4	37.0	-1.5	1.9
State education	882002	12.5	13.7	11.2	-1.2	1.3
Other state	992972	26.4	26.7	25.9	-.3	.5
Local	998523	118.0	113.8	114.1	4.2	3.9
Local education	882003	57.8	53.0	56.6	4.8	1.2
Other local	993973	60.1	60.8	57.6	-.7	2.5

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Atlanta MSA, which includes Barrow, Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

ALBANY MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	50.0	49.1	49.6	.9	.4
Manufacturing	300005	7.8	7.9	8.2	-.1	-.4
Durable goods	300025	1.7	1.7	1.7	.0	.0
Primary metals, fabricated metals, and machinery	333055	.6	.6	.7	.0	-.1
Other durable goods	399915	1.1	1.1	1.0	.0	.1
Nondurable goods	400015	6.1	6.2	6.5	-.1	-.4
Food and kindred products	420005	1.8	1.9	2.0	-.1	-.2
Textile mill products	422005	1.1	1.1	1.1	.0	.0
Chemicals and allied products	428005	.4	.4	.4	.0	.0
Other nondurable goods	499915	2.8	2.9	3.1	-.1	-.3
Nonmanufacturing	000060	42.2	41.2	41.4	1.0	.8
Mining	100005	*	*	*	*	*
Contract construction	200005	3.1	3.1	3.0	.0	.1
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	2.1	2.1	2.2	.0	-.1
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	12.8	12.6	12.5	.2	.3
Wholesale trade	650005	3.3	3.2	3.4	.1	-.1
Retail trade	652005	9.5	9.3	9.1	.2	.4
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	2.5	2.5	2.5	.0	.0
Services	800005	8.7	8.6	8.5	.1	.2
Government	998008	12.9	12.3	12.8	.6	.1
Federal	998011	3.5	3.5	3.5	.0	.0
State and local	998509	9.4	8.9	9.3	.5	.1

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Albany MSA, which includes Dougherty and Lee counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

* Employment fewer than 100 workers.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

ATHENS MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	62.9	61.7	61.0	1.2	1.9
Manufacturing	300005	15.3	15.4	15.6	-.1	-.3
Durable goods	300025	5.3	5.3	5.6	.0	-.3
Primary metals, fabricated metals, and machinery	333055	2.7	2.7	2.6	.0	.1
Other durable goods	399915	2.6	2.6	3.0	.0	-.4
Nondurable goods	400015	10.0	10.0	10.0	.0	.0
Food and kindred products	420005	3.8	3.8	3.5	.0	.3
Textile mill products	422005	2.5	2.5	2.7	.0	-.2
Apparel and other textile products	423005	2.3	2.3	2.4	.0	-.1
Other nondurable goods	499915	1.5	1.5	1.4	.0	.1
Nonmanufacturing	000060	47.6	46.4	45.4	1.2	2.2
Mining	100005	.2	.2	.2	.0	.0
Contract construction	200005	2.3	2.4	2.5	-.1	-.2
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	1.7	1.8	1.8	-.1	-.1
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	12.9	12.7	13.0	.2	-.1
Wholesale trade	650005	2.6	2.6	2.5	.0	.1
Retail trade	652005	10.2	10.1	10.5	.1	-.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	2.0	1.9	2.0	.1	.0
Services	800005	9.8	9.7	9.5	.1	.3
Government	998008	18.8	17.6	16.4	1.2	2.4
Federal	998011	2.0	2.0	2.1	.0	-.1
State and local	998509	16.8	15.7	14.4	1.1	2.4

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Athens MSA, which includes Clarke, Jackson, Madison, and Oconee counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

AUGUSTA MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	157.4	157.5	156.9	-1	5
Manufacturing	300005	36.8	36.7	35.9	.1	.9
Durable goods	300025	9.5	9.5	9.1	0	.4
Lumber and wood products	324005	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	3.2	3.1	3.2	.1	0
Primary metals, fabricated metals, and machinery	333055	2.7	2.6	2.4	.1	.3
Other durable goods	399915	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	.2
Nondurable goods	400015	27.3	27.2	26.8	.1	.5
Food and kindred products	420005	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	.2
Textile mill products	422005	5.8	5.8	5.8	0	0
Apparel and other textile products	423005	3.2	3.2	2.9	0	.3
Printing and publishing	427005	1.6	1.6	1.4	0	.2
Other nondurable goods	499915	14.3	14.2	14.4	.1	-.1
Nonmanufacturing	000060	120.6	120.9	121.0	-.3	-.4
Mining	100005	5	5	5	0	0
Contract construction	200005	9.7	9.9	9.5	-.2	.2
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	-.1
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	33.3	33.4	34.2	-.1	-.9
Wholesale trade	650005	4.7	4.8	4.8	-.1	-.1
Retail trade	652005	28.6	28.6	29.4	0	-.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	6.0	6.1	6.3	-.1	-.3
Services	800055	32.5	32.6	32.0	-.1	.5
Government	998008	33.4	33.3	33.2	.1	.2
Federal	998011	8.2	8.2	8.4	0	-.2
State and local	998509	25.2	25.1	24.8	.1	.4

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Augusta MSA, which includes Columbia, McDuffie, and Richmond counties in Georgia and Aiken County, South Carolina. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

COLUMBUS MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	91.8	92.1	92.8	-.3	-1.0
Manufacturing	300005	20.3	20.1	20.3	.2	0
Durable goods	300025	6.2	6.1	6.0	.1	.2
Lumber and wood products	324005	1.0	1.0	.8	0	.2
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	.6	.6	.6	0	0
Primary metals, fabricated metals, and machinery	333055	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	-.2
Other durable goods	399915	1.2	1.1	1.0	.1	.2
Nondurable goods	400015	14.1	14.0	14.3	.1	-.2
Food and kindred products	420005	3.6	3.5	3.7	.1	-.1
Textile mill products	422005	7.1	7.1	7.3	0	-.2
Apparel and other textile products	423005	.5	.5	.5	0	0
Printing and publishing	427005	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Other nondurable goods	499915	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	.1
Nonmanufacturing	000060	71.4	72.0	72.4	-.6	-1.0
Mining	100005	.1	.1	.1	0	0
Contract construction	200005	5.1	5.2	5.2	-.1	-.1
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	3.5	3.6	3.7	-.1	-.2
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	20.0	20.1	20.6	-.1	-.6
Wholesale trade	650005	2.6	2.7	2.6	-.1	0
Retail trade	652005	17.4	17.5	17.9	-.1	-.5
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	6.1	6.1	6.2	0	-.1
Services	800005	16.5	16.6	16.0	-.1	.5
Government	998008	20.1	20.2	20.6	-.1	-.5
Federal	998011	6.9	6.9	7.5	0	-.6
State and local	998509	13.2	13.3	13.1	-.1	.1

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Columbus MSA, which includes Chattahoochee and Muscogee counties in Georgia and Russell County, Alabama. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

MACON-WARNER ROBINS MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	118.7	118.3	118.3	.4	-.2
Manufacturing	300005	18.6	18.3	18.5	.3	.1
Durable goods	300025	7.1	7.1	7.1	.0	.0
Lumber and wood products	324005	.5	.5	.4	.0	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	1.0	1.1	1.1	-.1	-.1
Machinery, except electrical	335005	.5	.5	.5	.0	.0
Other durable goods	399915	5.1	5.0	5.1	.1	.0
Nondurable goods	400015	11.5	11.1	11.5	.4	.0
Food and kindred products	420005	2.5	2.2	2.2	.3	.3
Textile mill products	422005	1.4	1.4	1.4	.0	.0
Apparel and other textile products	423005	1.2	1.2	1.3	.0	-.1
Paper and allied products	426005	2.2	2.3	2.4	-.1	-.2
Chemicals and allied products	428005	.3	.3	.3	.0	.0
Other nondurable goods	499915	3.8	3.8	3.8	.0	.0
Nonmanufacturing	000060	100.1	100.1	100.4	.0	-.3
Mining	100005	.1	.1	.1	.0	.0
Contract construction	200005	4.9	5.0	4.9	-.1	.0
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	5.0	4.9	4.9	.1	.1
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	27.0	26.9	26.9	.1	.1
Wholesale trade	650005	4.8	4.8	4.7	.0	.1
Retail trade	652005	22.3	22.1	22.2	.2	.1
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	7.8	7.8	7.5	.0	.3
Services	800055	22.4	22.5	22.7	-.1	-.3
Government	998008	32.9	32.8	33.3	.1	-.4
Federal	998011	17.2	17.3	17.6	-.1	-.4
State and local	998509	15.7	15.5	15.7	.2	.0

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Macon MSA, which includes Bibb, Houston, Jones, and Peach counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

SAVANNAH MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEPT. 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEPT. 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	102.4	102.3	102.9	.1	-.5
Manufacturing	300005	16.8	16.6	17.5	.2	-.7
Durable goods	300025	7.8	7.7	8.2	.1	-.4
Lumber and wood products, except furniture	324005	1.3	1.3	1.3	.0	.0
Millwork, plywood, and prefabricated structural products	024305	.6	.5	.5	.1	.1
Transportation equipment	337005	4.6	4.5	5.0	.1	-.4
Other durable goods	399915	2.0	2.0	1.9	.0	.1
Nondurable goods	400015	9.0	8.9	9.2	.1	-.2
Food and kindred products	420005	2.0	2.0	2.0	.0	.0
Paper and allied products	426005	4.4	4.3	4.4	.1	.0
Chemicals and allied products	428005	1.5	1.5	1.4	.0	.1
Petroleum and coal products	429005	.4	.4	.6	.0	-.2
Other nondurable goods	499915	.8	.8	.8	.0	.0
Nonmanufacturing	000060	85.6	85.6	85.4	.0	.2
Mining	100005	*	*	*	*	*
Contract construction	200005	6.8	6.7	6.8	.1	.0
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	9.2	8.9	9.6	.3	-.4
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	25.4	25.4	25.1	.0	.3
Wholesale trade	650005	4.9	5.0	5.2	-.1	-.3
Retail trade	652005	20.5	20.4	19.9	.1	.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	4.3	4.4	4.5	-.1	-.2
Services	800005	23.9	24.0	23.6	-.1	.3
Government	998008	16.0	16.2	15.7	-.2	.3
Federal	998011	2.7	2.7	2.9	.0	-.2
State and local	998509	13.3	13.5	12.8	-.2	.5

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Savannah MSA, which includes Chatham and Effingham counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

* Industry division does not meet disclosure criteria.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

**UNITED STATES AND GEORGIA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE,
PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER**

AREA	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	PRELIMINARY SEPT. 1988	REVISED AUG. 1988	REVISED SEPT. 1987	CHANGE FROM	
					REVISED AUG. 1988	REVISED SEPT. 1987
United States (Seasonally adjusted)	Civilian labor force	121,924,000	122,031,000	119,963,000	-107,000	1,961,000
	Employed	115,328,000	115,180,000	112,872,000	148,000	2,456,000
	Unemployed	6,596,000	6,851,000	7,091,000	-255,000	-495,000
	Rate	5.4	5.6	5.9	—	—
United States (Not seasonally adjusted)	Civilian labor force	121,842,000	123,396,000	119,884,000	-1,554,000	1,958,000
	Employed	115,474,000	116,737,000	113,027,000	-1,263,000	2,447,000
	Unemployed	6,368,000	6,659,000	6,857,000	-291,000	-489,000
	Rate	5.2	5.4	5.7	—	—
Georgia	Civilian labor force	3,190,246	3,197,031	3,069,723	-6,785	120,523
	Employed	3,008,651	2,999,738	2,912,312	8,913	96,339
	Unemployed	181,595	197,293	157,411	-15,698	24,184
	Rate	5.7	6.2	5.1	—	—
Albany MSA	Civilian labor force	57,936	57,698	56,119	238	1,817
	Employed	53,128	52,244	51,420	884	1,708
	Unemployed	4,808	5,454	4,699	-646	109
	Rate	8.3	9.5	8.4	—	—
Athens MSA	Civilian labor force	74,561	73,137	70,628	1,424	3,933
	Employed	71,397	70,085	67,612	1,312	3,785
	Unemployed	3,164	3,052	3,016	112	148
	Rate	4.2	4.2	4.3	—	—
Atlanta MSA	Civilian labor force	1,520,365	1,518,094	1,449,386	2,271	70,979
	Employed	1,437,560	1,433,843	1,383,918	3,717	53,642
	Unemployed	82,805	84,251	65,468	-1,446	17,337
	Rate	5.4	5.5	4.5	—	—
Augusta, Ga.-S.C. MSA	Civilian labor force	183,027	184,116	178,541	-1,089	4,486
	Employed	172,120	172,967	168,764	-847	3,356
	Unemployed	10,907	11,149	9,777	-242	1,130
	Rate	6.0	6.1	5.5	—	—
Columbus, Ga.-Ala. MSA	Civilian labor force	101,449	101,911	100,362	-462	1,087
	Employed	94,955	95,441	94,654	-486	301
	Unemployed	6,494	6,470	5,708	24	786
	Rate	6.4	6.3	5.7	—	—
Macon-Warner Robins MSA	Civilian labor force	131,549	132,146	128,799	-597	2,750
	Employed	125,434	125,113	122,606	321	2,828
	Unemployed	6,115	7,033	6,193	-918	-78
	Rate	4.6	5.3	4.8	—	—
Savannah MSA	Civilian labor force	113,768	114,391	110,520	-623	3,248
	Employed	106,994	106,783	104,301	211	2,693
	Unemployed	6,774	7,608	6,219	-834	555
	Rate	6.0	6.7	5.6	—	—

NOTE: Employment includes nonagricultural wage and salary employment, self-employed, unpaid family and private household workers, and agricultural workers. Persons in labor disputes are counted as employed. The use of unrounded data does not imply that the numbers are exact. Georgia and Metropolitan Statistical Area data have not been seasonally adjusted.

Albany MSA: Includes Dougherty and Lee counties.

Athens MSA: Includes Clarke, Jackson, Madison, and Oconee counties.

Atlanta MSA: Includes Barrow, Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton counties.

Augusta MSA: Includes Columbia, McDuffie, and Richmond counties in Georgia and Aiken County, South Carolina.

Columbus MSA: Includes Chattahoochee and Muscogee counties in Georgia and Russell County, Alabama.

Macon MSA: Includes Bibb, Houston, Jones, and Peach counties.

Savannah MSA: Includes Chatham and Effingham counties.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.